Import Bill for Crude Oil

356. MISS SARQJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the year-wise details of India's import bill for crude oil during the last three years, and in the current financial year; and

(b) what is India's import bill for petroleum products during the last three years, year-wise and in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (b) The country's import bill for crude and petroleum products for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under:—

(Quantity: Million tonnes)
(Value: Rs./crores)

Year/ Period	Crude Oil		Petroleum	
	Quan-tity	Value	Quan-tity	Value
1990-91	20.70	6118	8.66	4660
1991-92	23.99	7820	9.45	5218
1992-	29.25	10686	11.28	6360
1993- (April-December)	23.55	8447	8.25	5012

*Provisional.

Allocation of Kerosene to Fishermen

357. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested for sufficient allocation of Kerosene to the traditional fishermen;

(b) if so, what is the monthly requirement and allocation by Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government has decided to allocate Kerosene as per the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation for fisheries sector of Gujarat is 390 MT per month, which is included in the overall monthly allocation of Gujarat.

(c) Kerosene is a deficit product and more than 40% of our requirement is met by imports. It is not possible to meet the full demand of States due to restricted availability of Kerosene in the country, foreign exchange constraint and heavy subsidy involved.

Kerosene, however, can now be imported under the parallel marketing scheme for sale at market prices.

Handing over of Lakwa and Galecky Oil fields to a Cooperative

358. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two profitable oil fields Lakwa and Galecky in Sib Sagar District in Upper Assam are going to be handed over to cooperative, formed by a group or superannuated ONGC executives who were in the high ranking positions at the time of the retirement;

(b) if so, what are the details about the conditions for handing over the oil fields, including the prospects of the profits from this venture; and

(c) whether ONGC would prepare model of cooperatives for various oil fields of similar categories whereby ONGC workers would be attracted to join such cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF

THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Offer of Oman Oil Company

359. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oman Oil Company offered a Million British Thermal Unit at 3.5 US dollar, while MSEB negotiated at 3.8 US dollar per BTU with Enron Company of USA; if so, the reasons therefore;

(b) whether it is a fact that Coal based BTU works out at 1.5 dollar and fuel based BTU at 2 dollar per BTU;

(c) whether it is a fact that Petroleum Ministry has rejected the offer of Oman Oil Company; and

(d) if so, what is the response of Oman Oil Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Commerical terms for the import of natural gas from Oman have not yet been finalised.

Alternative of Petrol

360. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that alternative of petrol is invented by Patrex Fuel India Limited;

(b) whether Petroleum Conservation Research Association has tested Patrex as the alternative fuel, if so, what are the findings of Petroleum Conservation Research Association; and

(c) whether Government propose to market 'Patrex' through the present marketing network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA):(a) and (b) One company viz. M/s. Sesa Marketing, Bombay was reported to be marketing 'Patrex' claiming it to be a substitute to petrol. This product has been tested by the IOC (R&D Centre) through the PCRA. The tests carried out do not substantiate the claims made by the party about this product.

(c) No, Sir.

Survey in Tapti Gas Field Area for Petroleum Products

361. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in Tapti gas field area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total estimated oil and gas potential in that area; and

(d) whether Government propose to invite foreign firms for exploring Tapti Gas field area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA):(a) to (c) Tapti-Daman Block of Bombay offshore basin inclusive of Tapti gas fields has been adequately surveyed. In Tapti gas field area, 26 exploratory wells have been drilled covering South Tapti, Mid Tapti and North Tapti gas fields. As on 1-4-1993, the estimated in place reserves are of the order of 79 Billion Cubic Metres of Gas and one million tonnes of oil.

(d) In August, 1992, Government